

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 remain in the present application.

**Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement, requesting that Applicant elect one of the following groups for prosecution in connection with the present application. The groups are as follows:

***Group I*** - including claims 1-10 and 15 allegedly drawn to an electric power module; and

***Group II*** - including claims 11-14 and 16 allegedly drawn to a method for producing an electronic power module.

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects **Group I**, including claims 1-10 and 15 for prosecution in connection with the present application. The election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 11-14 and 16.

**CONCLUSION**

An early indication of the allowability of these claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-

0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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